

(323) 881-2401

January 30, 2003

TO: EACH SUPERVISOR

FROM: P. MICHAEL FREEMAN

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS GRANT

We are proud to announce that Los Angeles County Fire Department's USAR Task Force CATF-2 has been chosen by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) as one of three teams selected to represent the United States during humanitarian and disaster relief efforts in foreign countries. The USAID Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) originally sponsored two USAR Task Forces for response to international disasters. When those contracts expired, USAID/OFDA expanded the program to include a third team from the West Coast. Our Department's FEMA USAR Task Force, CATF-2, was selected from 28 applicant teams as the West Coast team. The original two teams, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue and Miami-Dade County Fire & Rescue were also selected.

In conjunction with having our team selected, the Los Angeles County Fire Protection District has been awarded a \$229,168 grant by USAID. The grant is to provide support for a program in International Search and Rescue Operations, and includes a cost-sharing amount for the District of \$77,084. The award is effective January 1, 2003, until December 31, 2003. Pending the Department's successful performance under this initial agreement and the availability of funds, the award may be extended for four subsequent years.

USAID's share of the award, \$152,084 is for training, travel, and the cost of maintaining deployment readiness. The Department's share, \$77,084 is a match of the cost of training and maintaining deployment readiness. Reimbursable travel expenses are those incurred for the purpose of training or teaching other countries disaster preparedness skills.

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In the event of an international disaster, USAID/OFDA will determine what type of assistance is required and notify the Department. CATF-2 will report to the U.S. Ambassador's staff of the country affected or a representative of USAID/OFDA.

The award of this grant will result in international recognition for our Department's Task Force and provide us with the opportunity to develop disaster relief and preparedness programs for foreign countries.

I have attached a copy of our notification letter for your review. Should you have any questions or require additional information, you may contact me or your staff may contact Deputy Chief Michael Dyer at (323) 881-2370.

PMF:fc

Attachment

c: David Janssen
Louisa Ollague
Randi Tahara
Joseph Charney
Matt Knabe
Jennifer Weston Plaisted



U.S. AGENCY FOR
INTERNATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT

Mr. P. Michael Freeman
Fire Chief
Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County
1320 N. Eastern Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90063-3294

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Subject: HDA-A-00-03-00025-00

Dear Mr. Freeman

Pursuant to the authority contained in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) hereby awards to the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (hereinafter referred to as "LACFD" or "Recipient"), the sum of \$152,084.00 to provide support for a program in International Search and Rescue Operations as described in the Schedule of this award and in Attachment 2, entitled "Program Description." As this award is incrementally funded, only the amount shown in Section A.4.1 of the Agreement Schedule has been obligated hereunder. Subject to availability of funds and LACFD's performance under this initial Agreement, USAID may grant up to an additional amount of \$621,737.00.

This award is effective January 1, 2003 and obligation is made as of the date of this letter and shall apply to expenditures made by the Recipient in furtherance of program objectives during the period beginning with the effective date and ending December 31, 2003. This period may be extended to December 31, 2008 subject to availability of funds and LACFD's performance under this initial Agreement. USAID will not be liable for reimbursing the Recipient for any costs in excess of the obligated amount.

This award is made to the Recipient on condition that (1) the funds will be administered in accordance with the terms and conditions as set forth in Attachment 1 (the Schedule), Attachment 2 (the Program Description), and Attachment 3 (the Standard Provisions), and (2) that the Recipient will submit to the overhead and Specialty Cost/Closeout Branch a cost allocation plan or indirect cost rate proposal in accordance with Attachments C and E respectively, of OME Circular A-87 for the purpose of establishing a Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement, all of which have been agreed to by your organization.

Not later than 45 days after award, Recipient shall submit its cost allocation plan or indirect cost rate proposal to;

U.S. Agency for International Development Procurement Support
Division
Overhead & Specialty Cost/Closeout Branch (OP/PS/OCC) Room
7.08-061, RRE
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20523-7802

Failure to establish a Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement will result in a change to A.7 of this Agreement from Indirect Cost Rate to Direct charge of all costs.

Please sign the original and all enclosed copies of this letter to acknowledge your receipt of the award, and return the original and all but one copy to the undersigned.

Sincerely yours,




Mercedes Eugenia
Agreement officer
office of Procurement, M/OP/HRAM

Attachments:

- A. Schedule
- B. Program Description C. Standard Provisions

ACKNOWLEDGED: Consolidated Fire Protection District
of Los Angeles County

BY: 
TITLE: FIRE CHIEF
DATE: 4/07/03

A GENERAL

1. Total Estimated USAID Amount: **\$152,084.00** (Base Year)
2. Total Obligated USAID Amount: **\$152,084.00** (Base Year)
3. Cost-Sharing Amount (Non-Federal): **\$77,084.00** (Base Year)
4. Total Estimated Budget Amount: **\$229,168.00**
5. Activity Title: International Urban Search and Rescue Operations 6. USAID Technical office: DCHA/OFDA
7. Tax I.D. Number: 95-6000927
8. DUNS No.: N/A
9. **LOC** Number: N/A

B SPECIFIC

Org. ID/NMS No.: 10266/6079 Budget Fiscal
Year: 2002 Operating Unit: BHR/OFDA Strategic
objective: 961-001 Benefiting Geo Area: 997